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A (b) a gas panel for regulating a flow of deposition material into the deposition chamber; and

(c) a computer for controlling operation of the gas panel and at least one of the plurality of components.

REMARKS:

Claims 9-10, 12-21, 23-26, and 36-43 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 7 has been amended and a marked up version of the amended claim is attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii). Claims 1-8, 11, 22, 27-35, and 44-51 are pending in the application.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

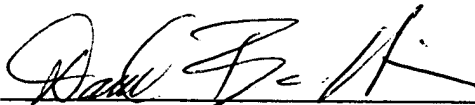
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made:

7. (Amended) A deposition system for depositing silica particles onto a workpiece comprising:

(a) a deposition chamber comprising a plurality of components for depositing the particles on the workpiece, an inner skin for substantially enclosing the plurality of components and the workpiece, and an outer skin at least partially enclosing the inner skin, wherein the outer skin includes a plurality of vents for cooling the inner skin of the deposition chamber;

(b) a gas panel for regulating a flow of deposition material into the deposition chamber; and

(c) a computer for controlling operation of the gas panel and at least one of the plurality of components.